## **Work Incentives**

Table 35.—Number and percent of section 1619(a) and section 1619(b) participants for selected months, 1982–99

At end of selected month	Section 1619(a)		Section 1619(b) <sup>1</sup>	
	Number	Percentage change over prior period	Number	Percentage change over prior period
December: <sup>2</sup>				
1982	287		5,515	
1983	392		5.165	
1987	14,559		15,632	
1988	19,920	36.8	15.625	0.0
1989	25,655	28.8	18,254	16.8
1990	13,994	-45.5	23.517	28.8
1991	15,531	11.0	25,517	15.9
1992	17,603	13.3	31,649	16.1
	20,028	13.8	35,299	11.5
1993 1994	24,315	21.4	40,683	15.3
1995	28,060	15.4	47,002	15.5
1996	31,085	10.8	51,905	10.4
1997	34,673	11.5	57,089	10.0
1998	37,271	7.5	59,542	4.3
1999	25,528	-31.5	69,265	16.3
1997				
March	31,146	.2	48,194	-7.1
June	32,954	5.8	52.646	9.2
September	33,496	1.6	56.872	8.0
December	34,673	3.5	57,089	.4
1998				
March	34.637	1	54.639	-4.3
June	35,528	2.6	55.761	2.1
	37,216	4.8	58.183	4.3
September	37,216 37.271		,	2.3
December	37,271	.1	59,542	2.3
1999				
March	39,457	5.9	63,431	6.5
June	23,304	-40.9	66,939	5.5
September	23,914	2.6	70,580	5.4
December	25,528	6.7	69,265	-1.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes blind participants. For December 1999, of the 69,265 participants, 1,197 were blind. <sup>2</sup>Data not available for December 1984, 1985, 1986.

Note: In January 1990, the SGA level was raised from \$300 to \$500 and section 1619(a) participants with earnings below \$500 became eligible for regular SSI benefits rather than the special cash payments under section 1619(a). This is reflected in the decrease shown for 1990. In July 1999, the SGA level was further increased to \$700, resulting in the decrease shown for June 1999.

Source: SSI Work Incentive Files and Revised Management Information Counts System (REMICS).